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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CONCORDE

1. TOULOUSE-BASED COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF CONCORDE INFORMED EMBASSY VIA AMCONSUL BORDEAUX AND THEN DIRECTLY LATE LAST WEEK OF THEIR DESIRE MEET WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE DURING HIS PARIS VISIT TO DISCUSS CONCORDE. WHEN INFORMED THAT VICE PRESIDENT'S TIGHT PROGRAM WOULD NOT PERMIT LAST-MINUTE SCHEDULING OF SUCH MEETINGS, COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AGREED TO BE RECEIVED BY EMBASSY'S CIVIL AIR ATTACHE.

2. FOUR-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM TOULOUSE COMMITTEE HEADED BY ITS PRESIDENT, MR. KOPETZKI, AND MR. FORTANIER, SECRETARY-GENERAL, ACCORDINGLY CALLED AT EMBASSY AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 28. THEY LEFT WITH CAA FOR FORWARDING TO VICE PRESIDENT A BRIEF LETTER FROM COMMITTEE URGING FAVORABLE ACTION ON CONCORDE ACCESS TO NEW YORK, ACCOMPANIED BY FIVE OTHER "TESTIMONIAL" LETTERS; A LARGE ART PHOTO OF CONCORDE; AND A 90-SECOND SOUND FILM ENTITLED "THE FLIGHT OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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BUMBLEBEE" WHICH APPARENTLY IS BASED ON CONCORDE AND WON FIRST PRIZE AT WORLD AMATEUR FILM FESTIVAL IN VIENNA. ABOVE ITEMS ARE BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR FORWARDING TO VICE PRESIDENT'S STAFF.

3. DURING DISCUSSION, COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES COVERED FAMILIAR GROUND IN URGING EARLY, FAVORABLE

DECISION FOR CONCORDE AT NEW YORK. CAA PROFITED FROM OCCASION TO BRIEF THEM AT SOME LENGTH ON US PROBLEMS AT FEDERAL AND LOCAL LEVEL WHICH UNFORTUNATELY HAD NOT ALWAYS BEEN UNDERSTOOD OR APPRECIATED BY FRENCH AUDIENCES (E.G., AIRPORT NOISE PROBLEM IN GENERAL, ENVIRONMENTALIST LOBBIES, SEPARATION OF POWERS, ETC.). WHEN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY FOR EVENTUAL CONCORDE SERVICE TO DALLAS/FORT WORTH AND/OR MEXICO CITY, CAA REFUSED BE DRAWN INTO CONJECTURE BUT NOTED (A) NEW EIS WOULD PRESUMABLY BE REQUIRED AND (B) BRANIFF OPERATION OF CONCORDE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND DALLAS/FORTH WORTH MIGHT RUN AFOUL OF FEDERAL AVIATION ACT PROVISIO PERMITTING US CARRIERS OPERATE ONLY AIRCRAFT UNDER US REGISTRY.

4. DISCUSSION WAS CORDIAL THROUGHOUT. COMMITTEE REPS HAD OF COURSE ALERTED PRESS, AND AFP RAN BRIEF ITEMS REPORTING THEIR CALL AT EMBASSY AND TRANSMITTAL OF ABOVE ITEMS FOR VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. AFP ALSO REPORTED COMMITTEE SENT TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT GISCARD URING HIM TO STRESS TO VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE IMPORTANCE OF CONCORDE LANDING RIGHTS AT NEW YORK. RUSH

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